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VIEWPOINT

Inheritance Tax: A Plea For Repeal

"It is the most burdensome, most detested tax in the state."

That's how State Rep. William T. Watkins of Granville County described North Carolina's inheritance tax as he introduced a bill in the General Assembly to repeal the tax.

This 76-year-old levy allows the state to effectively tax again "something a man has paid taxes on all his life," Watkins added.

"It is truly double taxation."

The tax was adopted a few years before the federal estate tax was established in 1916. Both taxes were intended to prevent the massive intergenerational transfer of wealth, which was a common practice in the late 1800s and early 1900s.

Today, these taxes represent a major hurdle for the owners of small businesses and family farms—who are hardest hit by them.

When death claims a member of such families, the survivors must find ways to cope with their personal loss while also facing tax bills that can be staggering.

Many are forced to sell the business or the farm simply to meet their inheritance tax obligation.

That's a sad circumstance at best—an unintended consequence of an antiquated tax mechanism.

The tax produces about \$60 million a year for the state's tax coffers, but North Carolina can undoubtedly find other, less severe methods of raising those funds.

A total of 22 other states have already done so by purging their statutes of inheritance taxes.

The proposal for eliminating the tax in this state is pending in both Houses of the legislature.

The House version was co-sponsored by Rep. Watkins and Rep. Bob Etheridge of Harnett County. An identical bill was sponsored in the Senate by Majority Leader Kenneth C. Royall Jr. of Durham County.

Rep. Etheridge says the benefits of dropping the tax would flow to all Tar Heel taxpayers.

"This would help the small farmer and small businessman who maybe owns land, but doesn't have a lot of cash," he said.

"It would benefit the middle class as well as the wealthy."

For too long, this tax has cast our state in the role of a fiscal vulture, hungrily circling funeral processions in search of new feasts.

It's time North Carolina shed that inhuman image by repealing the state inheritance tax.

Democratic Party Must Sing A New Tune

.... The decline of Democratic Party dominance had been under way for decades. Some Democrats insist that the GOP upsurge is more cosmetic than organic. I disagree. The Democratic Party is in broad disarray at the national level. That, in turn, affects its fortunes at the local level

The Democratic Party has kept right on singing the same old tune that only transfer of entitlements by an all-powerful government in a static economy could meet unmet needs. But prosperity undercut the moral justification for a redistributive policy. Americans today don't want more statism, and Reagan contends that a rising market economy lifts all boats. As long as it does, the Democrats won't be able to win the initiative, which means they'll have trouble regaining control of the Senate and holding the House in 1986, much less winning the presidency in 1988.

What can they do? Well, here are three suggestions: (1) emphasize economic growth and de-emphasize government growth at the expense of the private sector; (2) maintain interest in social justice, the party's bedrock philosophy, but oppose a system unjustly tilted toward minority interests; and (3) push an overhaul of the tax structure to wipe out scandalous inequities and enhance fairness for all.

Does that sound like "me too" Republicanism? Perhaps. But the Democrats are trapped between today's political realities and yesterday's fashionable beliefs. Unless their leadership recognizes this, their majorities in North Carolina, and the rest of the country, will continue to shrink.

—William D. Snider in *The Greensboro News-Record*

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Consumer Survey Slated

Co-ops Seeking Data On Appliances, Energy Use

About 10,000 consumer-members of North Carolina's Electric Membership Corporations will soon be asked to participate in a survey of their energy use patterns and home appliances.

About 375 randomly-selected members in each of the state's EMCs will be mailed a brief survey form in late April or early May, with a request that the completed forms be returned to the local EMCs as soon as possible, said Doug Leary, manager of power supply for North Carolina EMC, the statewide generating and transmission co-op serving the EMCs.

"We conduct surveys of this sort every few years," he said, "to help us see trends in how our consumer-members are using energy in their homes—the kinds of heating and cooling equipment they're using, major appliances in place and the energy conservations measures they've adopted."

Once the data is collected, he added, each EMC can get a better understanding of shifting load patterns in their territories and make better-informed forecasts of their members' future demands for power.

"We're appealing to the families included in the survey sample to help us with this project because it can provide us with valuable information that'll help their EMCs do a better job of planning for future power supply needs," Leary added.

The survey forms can be completed anonymously, but they also provide space for consumers to comment on the service they've received and to identify themselves if they wish to do so.

In either case, the information included will be kept confidential.

Each form will be accompanied by a postage-paid pre-addressed envelope for use in returning it to the local EMC, Leary pointed out.

Statewide Barbecue Cook-Off Set

Barbecue chefs from across North Carolina will have a chance to test their culinary skills against other cooks and compete for a \$2,500 cash prize at the Carolina Barbecue Cook-Off May 18 in Raleigh.



The event, sponsored by the N.C. Pork Producers Association and the N.C. Department of Agriculture, will be held at the State Fairgrounds from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

To qualify for the cooking contest, contestants must first compete in local competitions sponsored by the pork producers or other organizations.

Winners from the Pork Producers contests will be automatically entered in the state-level competition, but other winners need to contact the N.C. Department of Agriculture or the N.C. Pork Producers Association.

All entries must be received by the Pork Producers Association by May 1. Additional information can be obtained from that organization or the Marketing Division of the North Carolina Department of Agriculture.

Address for the N.C. Pork Producers is P.O. Box 25727, Raleigh, N.C. 27611, or phone (919) 755-0404. The Marketing Division of the NCDA may be reached at P.O. Box 27647, Raleigh, N.C. 27611, or phone (919) 733-7912.

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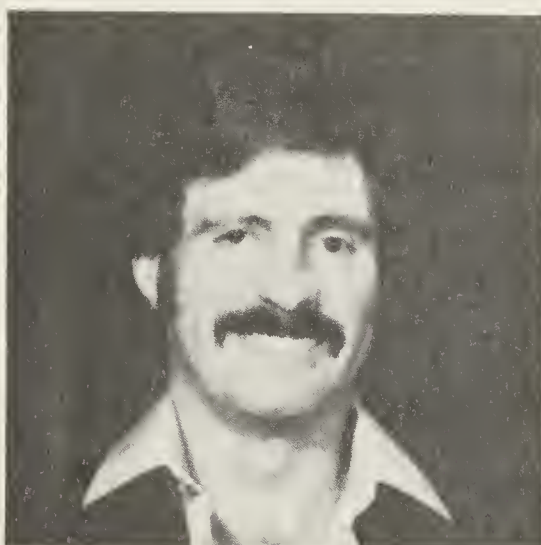
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An enclosed replica of a showboat will be one of the focal points of festivities during the fourth annual Riverspree in Elizabeth City, May 10-12.

The showboat, which was dedicated during the 1984 edition of the event, is a replica of the James Adams Floating Theatre, which was an attraction along the riverways of the South and hosted Edna Ferber as she researched her novel, *Showboat*.

A variety of performances from country music to jazz and from clogging to ballet will be featured at the showboat and at three other stage areas on the waterfront festival grounds.

The festival will also feature artists and craftsmen displaying their hand-

crafted items and a series of street dances, including one with "Top 40" videos for teens.

Also planned are several boat races and a fireworks show.

For more information, write or call Ms. Mary Livengood, Elizabeth City Area Chamber of Commerce, P.O. Box 426, Elizabeth City, N.C. 27909. Phone: (919) 335-4365.

ASU Sets Summer Bridge Program

Appalachian State University is offering a two-week festival and vacation program featuring both instruction and play in bridge.

Participants will live in dorms and take weekday meals in the college cafeteria.

Three-hour instruction sessions are scheduled for each morning,

focusing on modern American bidding principles and conventions.

J. Dan Duke, an ASU psychology professor and life master bridgeplayer will serve as instructor.

For more information, write to Bridge Festival, Office of Conferences and Institutes, Appalachian State University, Boone, N.C. 28608. Phone: (704) 262-3045.

Two Co-op Directors Join Statewide Board

Directors of two North Carolina Electric Membership Corporations have been elected to represent their co-ops on the board of the N.C. Association of Electric Cooperatives.

They are George L. Nelson of Harkers Island, a director at Harkers Island EMC, and Kesler C. Butler of Rt. 7, Fayetteville, a director at South River EMC, Dunn.

Nelson, who serves as secretary of the Harkers Island board, succeeds Oliver Griffin of Harkers Island. Nelson has been on the EMC's board since 1981.

Butler, who is president of the South River EMC board, succeeds Kyle Harrington of Rt. 1, Broadway. Butler has been on the co-op board since 1940.

The 56-member board for N.C. AEC consists of a director and the manager from each of the state's 28 EMCs.

Historic Site Marks Civil War Surrender

Visitors to Bennett Place Historic Site near Durham will have an opportunity to "meet" Union Gen. William T. Sherman and Confederate Gen. Joseph E. Johnston during special living history events there April 27-28 marking the 120th anniversary of Johnston's surrender at the site.

The surrender negotiated at Bennett Place ended the Civil War in North Carolina and, in effect, the Confederacy.

In addition to the generals, the program will feature their officers

Home Folks

June Wiley, wife of the late **John H. Wiley**, has received the state Department of Agriculture's 1984 Friend of Agriculture Award on behalf of her husband. Wiley was senior vice president for international marketing for TexasGulf Chemicals Corp. **Leonard F. Blanton**, director of the state Agriculture Department's Food and Drug Protection Division, has been honored as the department's employee of the year for 1984. Six journalists with ties to North Carolina have been chosen for induction into the UNC-CH School of Journalism Hall of Fame. They are the late **Jonathan Daniels**, who was editor of the *Raleigh News and Observer* and a press secretary to Presidents Franklin Roosevelt and Harry Truman; the late **Beatrice Cobb**, publisher of the *Morganton News-Herald*; Denton native **Furman Bisher**, sports editor of *The Atlanta Journal*; **Jeff MacNelly**, political cartoonist and creator of the comic strip, "Shoe," Charlotte native **Reed Surratt**, executive director of the Southern Newspaper Publishers Association and Greensboro native **Edwin Yoder**, a syndicated columnist with *The Washington Post* **Ruth E. Cook**, a commissioner with the N.C. Utilities Commission, has been named to the Committee on Energy Conservation of the Washington-based National Association of Regulatory Commissioners Artist **Ben Long**, a Statesville native who's best known for his fresco paintings at two Ashe County churches, has been commissioned to paint the official portrait of former North Carolina Gov. **James B. Hunt Jr.** The oil painting will hang in the Executive Mansion along with the portraits of other Tar Heel governors Two faculty members at N.C. State University—**Dr. Michael D. Bryant**, assistant professor of mechanical and aerospace engineering and **Dr. William J. Ransdorf**, assistant professor of civil engineering and computer studies—have been named recipients of the Presidential Young Investigator Awards from the National Science Foundation. They'll receive up to \$100,000 a year for five years to do research in their respective fields.

and cavalry as well as the artist who drew the event for national publications.

For more information about the program, write to Harold Mazingo, Bennett Place State Historic Site, 4409 Bennett Memorial Road, Durham, N.C. 27705. Phone: (919) 383-4345.

Tideland EMC Gets Loan For Expansion

Tideland Electric Membership Corporation, Pantego, has been awarded a \$1.8 million loan to help finance an expansion program.

The loan will be used for a project involving construction of 71 miles of distribution line to serve about 1,250 potential consumers. Also included are improvements to 85 miles of existing lines and eight substations.

The REA financing will cover 70 percent of the project, while the remainder will be covered with financing through the National Rural Utilities Cooperative Finance Corporation.

Elderhostel Programs Offered At 16 Schools

Sixteen North Carolina academic institutions are participating in Elderhostel programs this summer, offering a wide variety of learning experiences for those 60 years of age or older.

Participants in these special interest courses live in the host institution's dormitories and have access to the school's academic, cultural and recreational facilities while taking up to three non-credit courses.

The charge for enrolling in a North Carolina Elderhostel program is \$195. The courses are open to any interested individuals, without regard to their prior academic background.

For more information about the courses to be offered, write or call Bob Wagoner, 204 Abernathay Hall, Room 002A, UNC-CH, Chapel Hill, N.C. 27514. Phone: (919) 962-1123.

Additional information is also available from the host schools: Appalachian State University, Campbell University, Elon College, High Point College, Lees-McRae College, Lenoir-Rhyne College, Mars Hill College, Saint Andrew's College, Salem College, UNC-Chapel Hill, UNC-Asheville, UNC-Wilmington, UNC-Charlotte, Warren Wilson College, Western Carolina University and Wingate College.

For information about such programs at other schools across the country, write to Elderhostel, 80 Boylan St., Suite 400, Boston, MA 02116.

First Day Of Issue REA Stamps Offered

The U.S. Postal Service stamp to be issued May 11 commemorating the 50th anniversary of the Rural Electrification Administration is available with first day of issue postmarks from two sources.

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These orders must be mailed by June 10.

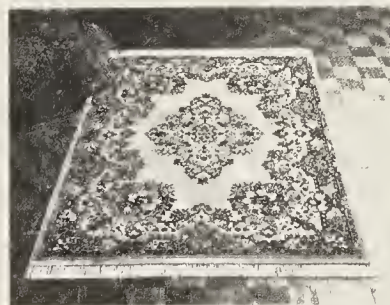
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Three Honored For Service to NCSU

Former Gov. James B. Hunt Jr., a retired Raleigh professor and a Pennsylvania textile executive have been honored by North Carolina State University for their service to the institution.

NCSU presented its Watauga Medals to Hunt and to Alvin M. Fountain of Raleigh, who was on the NCSU faculty for 46 years, and to John N. Gregg of Wayne, Pa., president of Avtex Fibers Inc. of

Valley Forge, Pa.

The medals are named for the Watauga Club, which was instrumental in persuading the 1887 General Assembly to establish the school that later became NCSU.

Five EMCs Cited For Safety Programs

Five North Carolina Electric Membership Corporations have been recognized for their outstanding employee safety programs.

All five have qualified for re-accreditation certificates for the programs by the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association headquartered in Washington, D.C.

Four County EMC, Burgaw, received its fifth accreditation, while Albemarle EMC, Hertford, was awarded its fourth.

Brunswick EMC, Shallotte, Edgecombe-Martin County EMC,

Tarboro and Harkers Island EMC each received their second accreditations.

Folk School Sets June Programs

A special "craft week," storytelling workshop and programs on dance, blacksmithing and book binding are among the events scheduled for June at the John C. Campbell Folk School in Brasstown.

The "craft week," June 2-8, will include sessions on basketry, weaving and photography. The storytelling workshop and concert is slated for June 7-8 while the dance programs will be June 16-22.

For additional information about these programs or for a free calendar of events write or call John C. Campbell Folk School, Brasstown, N.C. 28902. Phone: (704) 837-2775.

EMC Manager, 24 Directors Cited For Co-op Service

A director of Albemarle Electric Membership Corporation has been singled out for his four decades of service to the North Carolina rural electric program.

He is James A. Whitehurst of South Mills, a founding director at Albemarle EMC who served for several years as president of the co-op's board.

Whitehurst was one of 24 EMC directors from across the state who were honored for their years of service to rural electrification during ceremonies at the 1985 Annual Meeting of the statewide EMC organization in Raleigh. (See pages 9 and 12 for additional Annual Meeting coverage.)

The directors received "meritorious service" plaques citing them for their contributions to the co-op program.

In addition, Earl J. Ross of Durham, manager of Piedmont EMC, Hillsborough, received a plaque citing him for his 20 years at the co-op.

Other honored directors, listed by EMCs, were:

Albemarle EMC, Hertford - W. Earl Meiggs of Camden, 20 years and Floyd Mathews of Rt. 4, Hertford, 35 years.

Blue Ridge EMC, Lenoir - Charles A. Suddreth of Rt. 5, Lenoir, 25 years and John R. Austin of Rt. 4, Boone, 15 years.

Crescent EMC, Statesville - Tom B. Woodruff of Rt. 5, Mocksville, 20 years and Larry W. Payne of Rt. 3, Taylorsville and Kenneth Westmoreland of Rt. 2, Huntersville, both for 15 years.

Edgecombe-Martin County, Tarboro - Marshall D. Wilson of Rt. 1, Robersonville, 25 years.

Jones-Onslow EMC, Jacksonville - Percy B. Jenkins of Rt. 1, Sneads Ferry, 15 years.

Pee Dee EMC, Wadesboro - Marion Ratliff of Rt. 3, Wadesboro, 20 years.

Pitt and Greene EMC, Farmville - Hilton Webb of Rt. 1,

Macclesfield, 15 years.

Randolph EMC, Asheboro - Charles Teague of Rt. 1, Seagrove and Henry Allen of Rt. 2, Troy, both for 25 years.

Roanoke EMC, Rich Square - Rascoe A. Gilliam of Rt. 1, Windsor and Matthew Grant of Tillery, both for 15 years.

Rutherford EMC, Forest City - David W. McGimsey of Rt. 7, Morganton, 30 years and Joseph N. Quinn of Rt. 3, Marion, 20 years.

South River EMC, Dunn - Kyle Harrington of Rt. 1, Broadway, 35 years.

Tideland EMC, Pantego - Vernon Canady of Pantego, 20 years and George Lupton Jr. of Arapahoe, 15 years.

Tri-County EMC, Dudley - James N. Price of Rt. 5, Mt. Olive and Frank B. Jordan of Rt. 3, Mt. Olive, both for 15 years.

Wake EMC, Wake Forest - John M. Ferrell of Rt. 5, Durham, 25 years.



Ashe County Man Cited As "Father" of State's Rural Electric Program

An Ashe County man who was instrumental in helping many North Carolina rural electric cooperatives get organized has been honored by those co-ops in recognition of this year's 50th anniversary of the rural electric program.

Gwyn B. Price of Warrensville, one of the early directors of Blue Ridge Electric Membership Corporation, Lenoir, was cited as the "father" of the state's rural electric program in ceremonies at the 1985 Annual Meeting of the statewide organization of EMCs in Raleigh.

Price, who served under eight governors as chairman of the North Carolina Rural Electrification Authority, was presented with a Pioneer Award at a special 50th Anniversary banquet.

He is the first to be so honored by the state's EMCs.

The award will now become a recurring honor bearing Price's name to recognize exceptional achievement by individuals in the state's rural electric program.

The plaque presented to Price saluted him for his "outstanding contributions" to rural electrification in North Carolina.

Price served as the chief administrator of the N.C. REA from 1941 until 1972, then served another two years as a member of the agency's board.

During his administration of N.C. REA, the number of Tar Heel farms receiving power grew from about 3 percent when he took office to almost 100 percent when he stepped down.

Earlier this year, Price and his wife were both honored by the Women's Committee of the statewide EMC organization as part of its 50th Anniversary observance. Their names were added to the titles of two \$1,000 scholarships that are being awarded this year. The recipients were chosen from among the participants in last summer's Rural Electric Youth Tour to Washington.


The scholarship bearing Price's name will be presented annually.

The rural electrification program was launched in May, 1935, when President Franklin D. Roosevelt established the Rural Electrification Administration to provide financing for power distribution systems serving rural areas.

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Humanities On The Road

Through this outreach program, top N.C. State University professors have taught literature, history, political and social issues to more than 10,000 Tar Heels—right in their own backyards.

The woman in the small eastern North Carolina town was indignant.

"Dr. Engel!" she called sharply to the North Carolina State University English professor who had returned to the town to present another series of seminars.

"You caused my daughter to get a C minus on her Charles Dickens project."

Professor Elliot Engel, a Dickens scholar and co-director of NCSU Humanities Extension, was incredulous.

He would never do such a thing, he assured her.

The woman then explained that her daughter had put off a high school research assignment on Dickens until the night before the assignment was due. Unfortunately, that was also the night before the second Humanities Extension seminar on Dickens and enthusiastic participants had stripped the local library of pertinent material.

The kind of enthusiasm which depleted the local library of Dickens books is typical of the enthusiasm the Humanities Extension Program has generated in 10,000 participants since it was initiated in 1978.

The program was devised in 1975 by Dr. William B. Toole, then associate dean of the School of Humanities and Social Sciences. Initial funding for the program came from the National Endowment for the Humanities, but within two years the program went on permanent funding through the state budget. Engel was named director of the program in 1978.

Humanities Extension operates through the North Carolina Agricultural Extension Service network. The Extension Service provides access to its facilities in all 100 North Carolina counties, including meeting rooms and video play-back equipment.

The format devised by Toole in 1975 is still being used today. Two-hour seminar sessions are held each week for four weeks. The first and fourth sessions are conducted by a professor at a designated location. The professor introduces the topic at the first session, provides background information and distributes packets of reading material and discussion questions. During the second and third sessions, participants view video tapes and discuss topics suggested in the seminar material.

At the beginning, many people, including Engel and co-director Joseph P. Mastro, were convinced the program would not work.

"It's one thing to go to one seminar and quite another to make a

commitment for four sessions," says Mastro, who admits he has been amazed at the turnouts.

Engel was concerned that people might object to the taped seminars and credits Ron Kemp, director of the school's Media Services, and his staff for outstanding video production.

But the program did work, largely because of Engel's promotion of it. For three years he was sole director of the program and, in the beginning, it was his job to travel across the state introducing the program to community organizations and recruiting participants for the seminars.

In 1978, he received the NCSU Alumni Association's Outstanding Extension Award for his resounding success in doing so.

After three years, programs had been established in 40 counties and Mastro as named co-director of Humanities Extension.

Mastro was no stranger to the program, as he was one of the lecturers from the beginning. His areas of specialization include Soviet politics and foreign policy, American national government and politics and international relations.

Story by Iris June Vinegar.
Reprinted from *The Stater*, a publication of the NCSU Alumni Association.



Kit Knowles of the N.C. State University English Department, right, conducts a seminar in Asheboro on the portrayal of the small town in American literature. The seminar was part of the NCSU Humanities Extension program, which is a cooperative effort with the N.C. Agricultural Extension Service.

Seminar subjects are chosen by the directors and seminar participants. Questionnaires distributed at the end of seminars ask participants what other seminars they would like.

"We are very proud of the fact that our best ideas were inspired by the people of the counties," Mastro says.

According to Engel, the object of the seminars is "not to lead the group to a particular conclusion, but to move minds."

Sometimes that motion leads to action which surprises even the lecturer.

English Professor James W. Clark received a letter from a woman who had attended his seminar on Thomas Wolfe's *Look Homeward Angel*, in which the mother runs a cluttered and unkempt boarding house.

The seminar participant wrote that reading the book and sitting through the discussions inspired her to clean her house!

Current Humanities Extension Seminars include:

"Violence and Capital Punishment," "American Ideals in Troubled Times," "The Portrayal of the Small Town in America,"

"North Carolina and the Civil War," "Charles Dickens," "American Literature," Public Policy—Issues for the 80's," "North Carolina Folklore," and "Framework for Freedom," a special program that's being offered in connection with the 200th bicentennial of the American constitution in 1987.

Also offered is a course on creative writing and three seminars on international affairs: "U.S. and Japan," "U.S. and China" and "U.S. and Russia."

About 70 percent of the people who turn out for the seminars are women, says Mastro.

"The wife generally comes first, but the next time she may bring her husband."

About 30 percent of the participants are public school teachers who pay a \$5 fee and receive a continuing education unit toward recertification.

The co-directors of Humanities Extension believe the program offers all the positives of adult education

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Moreover, say Engel and Mastro, bringing people out and getting them talking to one another helps unify a community.

But if Humanities Extension is providing an important service to the people of North Carolina, Engel believes it is essential for educators connected with the program to remember North Carolinians have provided them something too.

"It is important that we never forget we are here by invitation of the people of this state who have given us the opportunity to do what we love to do most—teach."

For more information about the Humanities Extension program, call your county agricultural extension office or write to the Extension office at NCSU, Box 8101, Raleigh, N.C. 28695-8101.

Seven EMC Officials Get Statewide Posts

Managers and directors of Electric Membership Corporations across the state—from Hertford in the East to Lenoir in the West—have been chosen to take the reigns of leadership for the North Carolina statewide EMC organization for the coming year.

Three directors and five managers were elected to top leaderships posts for the organization at its 1985 Annual Meeting in Raleigh.

They'll serve as officers of the organization's three separate corporations: the N.C. Association of Electric Cooperatives (N.C. AEC), the N.C. Electric Membership Corporation (N.C. EMC) and Tarheel Electric Membership Association (TEMA).

N.C. AEC is the general trade association for the state's 28 electric cooperatives, while N.C. EMC is the generating and transmission power supply arm. TEMA is a central purchasing and materials supply operation serving the EMCs.

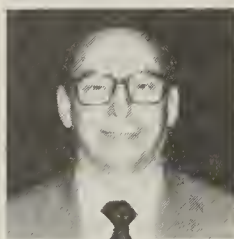
The officers are:

- **N.C. AEC** - Emmett Patterson, manager of Pee Dee EMC, Wadesboro, president; R. W. Blanchard Jr., president of the board of Four County EMC, Burgaw, vice-president and Dorris White, manager of Albemarle EMC, Hertford, secretary-treasurer.

- **N.C. EMC** - Philip L. Wally, manager of Union EMC, Monroe, president; Wayne D. Keller, manager of Blue Ridge EMC, Lenoir, vice-president and Eugene W. Brown Jr., manager of Roanoke EMC, Rich Square, secretary-treasurer.

- **TEMA** - Richard Johnson, a director of Pee Dee EMC, Wadesboro, president; Roanoke EMC's Eugene W. Brown Jr., vice-president and Tom Cockerham of Jefferson, a director of Blue Ridge EMC, Lenoir, secretary-treasurer.

In addition, Cockerham and two EMC managers were also elected to three-year terms on the nine-member TEMA Board of Directors. The managers are Glenn A. Carowan of Tideland EMC, Pantego and James E. Mangum of Wake EMC, Wake Forest.



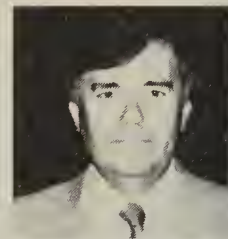
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McDuffie Tapped For National Board

The manager of Randolph Electric Membership Corporation, Asheboro, has been elected to represent North Carolina on the board of the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association.

Bob L. McDuffie, a veteran of 24 years at Randolph EMC was elected to take office on the board beginning next January.

The national organization, which is based in Washington D.C., represents about 1,000 electric co-ops across the country.

McDuffie, who has been Randolph EMC's manager since 1977, is a former president of the statewide EMC organization and currently serves on the boards of all three of its corporations.

He succeeds Horace Moore of Snow Hill, a director of Pitt and Greene EMC Farmville, who declined to seek re-election. He is now completing his eighth term on the national board.



Hunt Leads Slate For REAP

The manager of Lumbee River Electric Membership Corporation, Red Springs, has been elected chairman of

the North Carolina rural electric program's political action organization.

Ronnie Hunt heads the slate of officers for the Rural Electric Action Program, which is composed of directors and employees of the state's 28 EMCs.

Also elected were Richard Shepherd of Rt. 2, Lansing, a director of Blue Ridge EMC, Lenoir, vice chairman and Clifton Taylor of Rt. 5, Kinston a director of Jones-Onslow EMC Jacksonville, secretary.

James Lee Burney, manager of public affairs for the statewide EMC organization, was re-elected treasurer.



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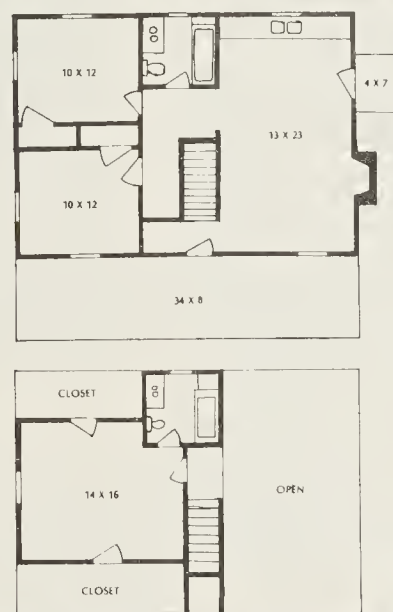
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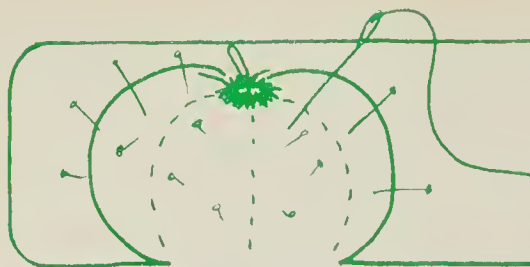


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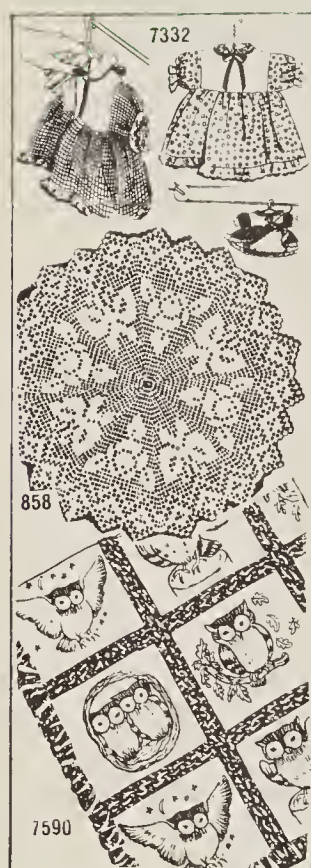
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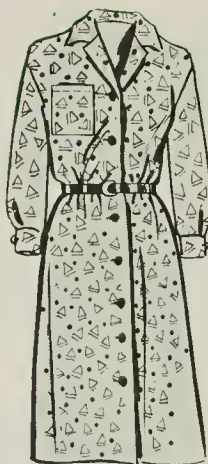
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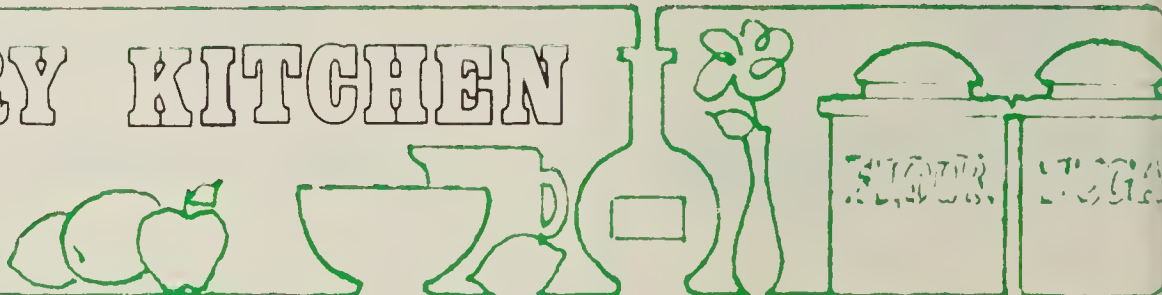
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Oven-Style Swiss Steak

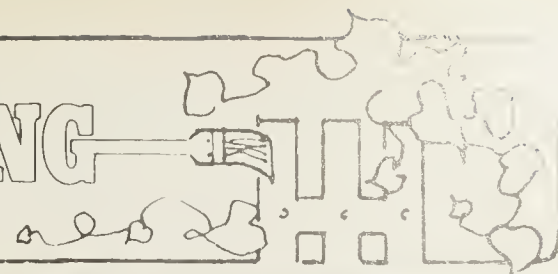
Submitted by Hildred Tompkins of Mint Hill

2 pounds beef round steak,
1 inch thick
1 medium onion, sliced
(½ cup)
1 4 ounce bottle sliced
mushrooms, drained
1 teaspoon worchestershire

½ teaspoon salt
sprinkle pepper over steak
as desired
2 medium green peppers,
cut in pieces
1 8 ounce can tomato sauce
1 tablespoon A-1 sauce

Trim all fat from meat. Pound meat with meat mallet; sprinkle with salt and pepper. Place meat in large baking dish. Top with onion, pepper and mushrooms; pour sauce over all. Cook, covered at 350 degrees for 1½ hours. Uncover and cook 15 minutes longer. Baste occasionally. To serve spoon sauce over meat. Serves 8. (190 calories per serving).

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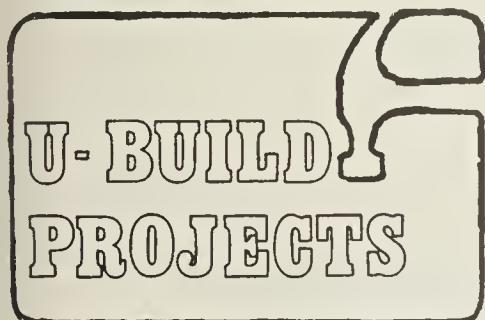
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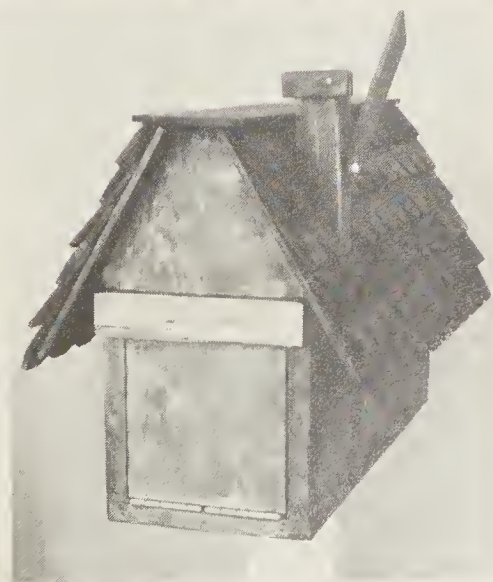
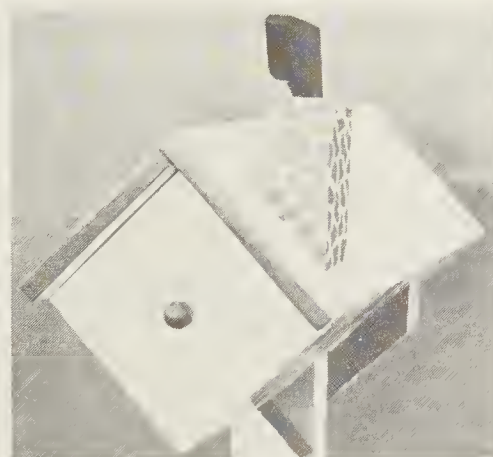
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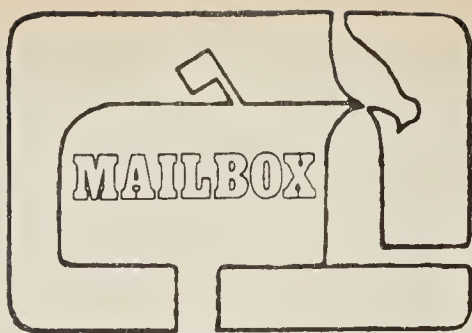
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Date	Electric Membership Corporation	Time	Location
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20	French Broad, Marshall	Registration: 10:00 a.m. Business Meeting: 1:30 p.m.	Madison High School, Marshall
20	Piedmont, Hillsborough	Registration: 7:30 p.m. Business Meeting: 8:00 p.m.	Orange High School Auditorium
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You may have too much water going through the system—bad, but could be worse. You may have the wrong soils for a septic system—serious, any way you look at it.

Or your system may be poorly installed or received poor maintenance—things you can do something about but probably not inexpensively.

If excess water is your problem, the obvious solution is to try to decrease the amount of water that goes through the system.

If poor soil is the reason your septic system is failing, you will probably have to build a new system. Adding more lines will only prolong your problem.

Your best bet if poor soil is your problem is to call your county sanitarian at the county health department. He can advise you on whether a new conventional-type system can be built elsewhere on your property or whether you will have to install a specifically engineered system.

If poor installation is the cause of your septic tank failure, then you may have to dig the system up and

have it repaired.

If the soil of the treatment field was compacted during construction, you may have to relocate the field. Compacted soils simply won't absorb waste-water as readily as porous soils.

Finally, if poor maintenance is your problem, perhaps all you need to do is to pump the system and let it air out. The air will often eliminate harmful chemical compounds that build up and clog the system.

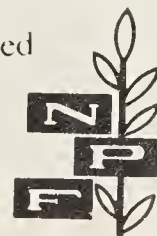
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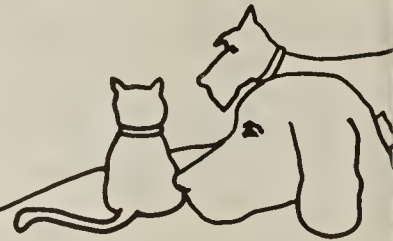
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GOD'S CREATURES



Give Careful Thought To Commitment Required Before Getting A Pet

Cuddly puppies and playful kittens capture the attention and hearts of both children and adults.

But before asking, "How much is that doggie - or kitty - in the window?" there are many important questions to consider, says a veterinarian at North Carolina State University's School of Veterinary Medicine.

Dr. Russell Greene, a resident in internal medicine at the school, said National Pet Week—May 5-11—is an especially appropriate time to consider how to go about choosing a pet.

"The most important point is that people should have a goal when owning a pet and that goal should be to develop a good relationship with

the pet," said Dr. Greene.

Unfortunately, this goal is not always achieved, Dr. Greene said.

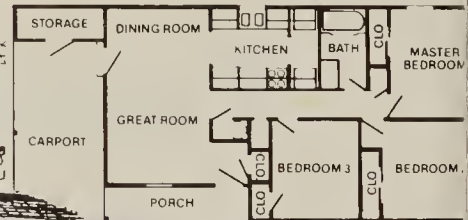
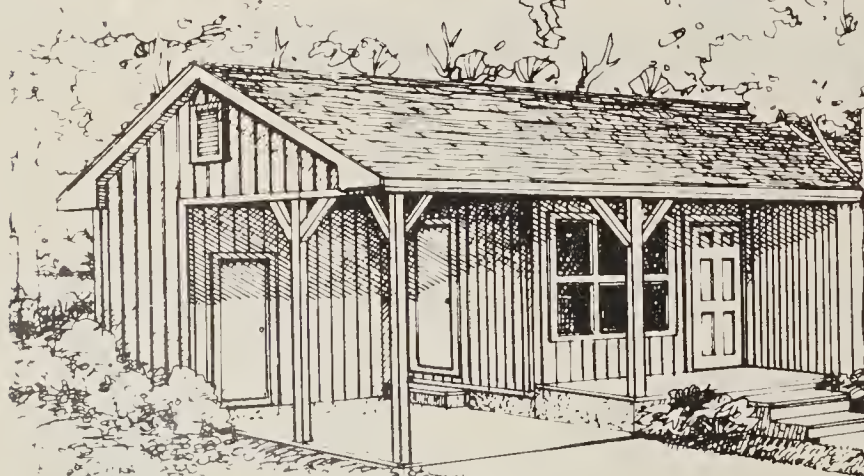
A 1976 study of dog owners showed that 60 percent had lost their dog because of accidents or because the animal had run away or been given away.

"If the owners had developed a good relationship with the pet, the statistics would be lower," said Dr. Greene.

"One of the first questions to ask is, 'Should I own a pet?'" said Dr. Greene.

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• Consider the cost of owning a pet. For example, a 30-pound dog will cost a minimum of \$350 the first year and \$250 each additional year. This doesn't include grooming, boarding or veterinary care due to injury or illness, said Dr. Greene.

• Consider the amount of time the animal needs. Dogs require at least one-half hour a day for walking and 15 minutes a day for training. "Behavior problems, such as excessive barking, often are caused by lack of attention and/or lack of proper training," Dr. Greene said.

• Consider whether a landlord will allow pets and if so, what size.

• Before adopting a pet, decide who will be responsible for its care (vacation time included). Dr. Greene added that most children under the age of eight simply aren't able to do the job.

Dr. Greene also suggested thinking about the reasons for having a pet. He said getting an animal for companionship, for work or sport, such as a bird dog, or for its value, such as a Siamese cat, are good reasons.

One bad reason for getting a pet is to provide companionship for a lonely animal already in the home.

"This is especially true if behavior problems are occurring, because instead of one 'troublemaker,' owners often will end up with two," said Dr. Greene.

Getting a dog for protection also is a poor reason.

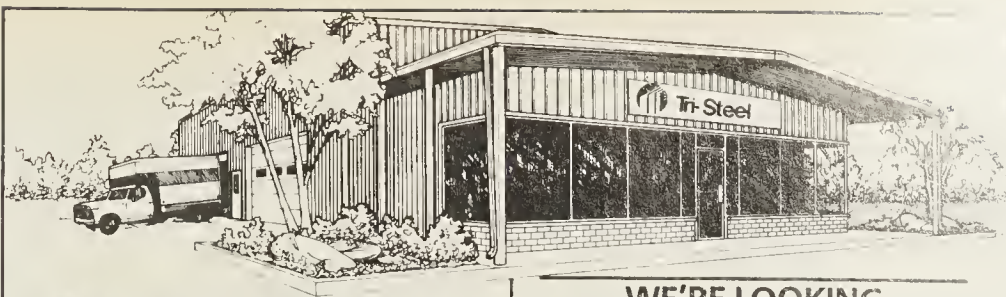
"Dogs usually won't be that good as protectors and guard-type dogs may create liability problems for the owner. All dogs will bark and may scare off an intruder, but aggressiveness is seldom a desirable trait," Dr. Greene said.

As for where to get a pet, Dr. Greene advises people to avoid "puppy mills"—places where puppies are bred as a business.

"Because the animals are crowded together, they're more susceptible to disease," he said, adding that pet stores often get their animals from these "puppy mills." Getting a pet from someone you know or sometimes from an animal shelter, is best.

"Careful thinking before getting a pet will lead to a healthy, happy pet relationship," said Dr. Greene.

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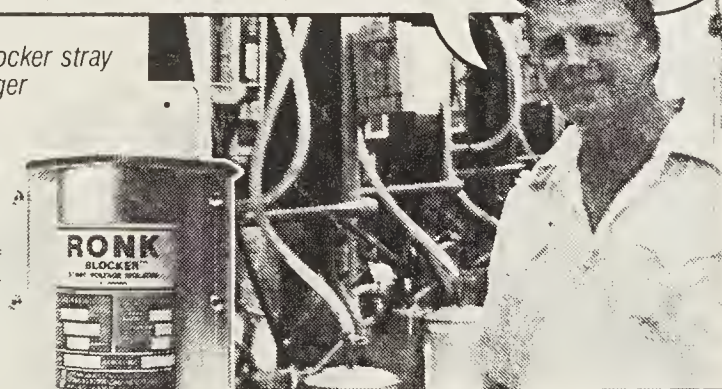
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April and May are the keys
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—German Proverb

April means outdoor gardening pleasure. It's a time to enjoy the beauty of spring while working outdoors to prepare for summer gardening activities.

Walkways to Beauty And Comfort

All front walks for a home should be at least 42 inches wide. A narrower walk will prevent two people from walking side-by-side in comfort. A walk that is short in span may be six to eight feet in width. But, a long walkway is better if it is as wide as four to six feet.

One common problem found in walks along the wall of a building (often found at churches) is in being paved too near the wall. When such a walkway is located too near the wall—say less than four feet—the only appropriate planting usually is a ground cover. Buildings with large, massive walls "call out" for upright shrubbery to soften such walls. Such is impossible if ground space is limited.

Vegetables

Frosts should be finished this month so it's time to get vegetables into the ground. If you don't have space for a vegetable garden, try growing a few vegetables in the flower bed or in containers placed where they will receive at least six hours of sunlight each day.

Bulb Plantings

Summer bulbs soon will be planted in the open garden. These cover the general field of dahlia, gladiolus, tuberose, fancy-leafed caladium, canna and crinum as well as garden-hardy

strains of amaryllis.

Start digging and storing early-flowering bulbs as daffodil and tulip as their foliage begins to yellow. Ranunculus and anemones are about ready now.

Blue Flowers

The color blue is scarce among blossoms. Blue flowers in the garden have a way of intensifying the reds and yellows, thus making a showier display. Our best sources of blue: ageratum, petunia, salvia, larkspur, lobelia and plumbago.

All blue-and-white plantings near a patio have a way of suggesting coolness on hot summer days and nights.

Repotting

If houseplants have not yet been repotted, this a good time to get the job done.

First, check the root system to see if repotting is needed. Water plant well. Gently knock the plant out of

the pot and inspect the root system. If roots are crowded and matted on the outside of the root ball, the plant needs repotting into a larger pot. However, the roots are not visible, the plant probably has a poor root system and should be repotted into a pot of smaller size.

Prolonging The Life Of Cut Roses

The following formula is helpful in extending the life of cut roses. It may be useful as "water" in the base. Shake and mix well.

- 1 quart warm water
- ½ teaspoon alum
- 12 teaspoons Clorox
- ¼ teaspoon iron rust (ferric oxide available at most drug stores)
- 2 teaspoons sugar

Don't Rush—But Don't Delay

Of course, you want to get your garden started just as soon as you can—but, you will lose rather than

Try This For Sweeter Corn

Here's an intriguing idea that just might make your garden corn sweeter and help it ripen quicker. It's acupuncture!

The ancient Chinese gardening technique has been tried with some success, according to reports in national gardening publications.

One publication reports that the technique was used in an experiment in which four rows of Ashworth corn were given identical care except every other row got the acupuncture treatment. The results: The acupuncture rows matured a week earlier than the others and their ears had markedly sweeter flavor.

Here's what you do:

While the cornsilk is still green, drive a round toothpick through the base of the ear stem and into the main stem just above the joint (See sketch).



The theory behind this is that wounding the plant this way forces it to secrete healing sugars to the affected area. When you puncture the ear stem, sugars are forced into the ear, causing it to mature earlier and be sweeter.

If you try this, let us know what kind of success you have.

in if you start the basic operation of digging before the soil is ready. After most is finally out of the soil, there will be a period—extending from a few days to as much as a couple of weeks (according to weather conditions)—before the soil should be turned.

The time-honored test to determine when digging may be done: turn over a forkful. Squeeze a handful of the freshly dug earth into a ball. If it crumbles apart readily, soil may be dug or plowed. On the contrary, if water oozes out between your fingers and the compressed ball remains a wet, soggy mass, then the garden should be left undisturbed for a while longer.

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Energy conservation studies show that evaporation from a single, properly watered tree can produce an estimated cooling effect of more than 100,000 BTU's.

The chart below shows how well nature's air-conditioning works. It is based on results of tests of plants growing nearby at 84 degrees F., air temperature.

Surface Cover	Surface Temperature (F)
Dark asphalt	124
Light asphalt	112
Concrete	108
Bare ground	100
Short grass (1-2")	104
Long grass (3")	96
Concrete under shade tree	88

Weed Control

Spot treat established weeds in the lawn with a nonselective herbicide. For ease of application, pour the amount of weed killer needed into an empty plastic detergent bottle and squirt directly onto the offending weeds and nothing else. Dispose of detergent bottle after use.

Layering Oriental Magnolias

Now's the best time to layer oriental or Japanese magnolias. To accomplish this asexual means of propagation, select a low branch of

the shrub. Cut the bark so as to girdle the stem for about three or four inches on the lower side of the branch. Pull the branch to the ground, placing it in a shallow trench in the soil.

Weight down the branch with a brick or stone. Keep moist. By July, a good root system should have formed on the "daughter" plant. Sever this from the "mother" plant and plant in fertile soil to grow into a new magnolia.

Quick Hedges

Have a need for a fast-growing foliage plant for use as a "temporary" screen or background planting until you can set shrubs? If landscape plans have not taken shape, foliage plants give a fast effect and they're cheap.

One of the best is castor bean which produces eight-to-twelve-foot plants in a few weeks. Leaves are large, star-shaped, of green, bronze or

deep, red color. Castor bean seed is very poisonous—keep it out of the reach of children and pets. When plants flower in late summer, cut away the blooms so no seed will form.

Tithonia or Mexican sunflower grows to six feet. It has interesting leaves and bright orange flowers which are good as summer cut flowers.

Low-growing foliage plants, good at the base of established shrubbery borders along a fence, include kochia, Joseph's coat and coleus. Kochia is fine-textured with fern-like foliage and reaches two-and-a-half feet. Joseph's coat has unusual markings of dark bronze with gold and scarlet. It is well adapted to hot, sunny spots. Coleus grows quickly from seed and has a large range of colorful markings in the leaves. Coleus also roots easily from cuttings.

—Hank Smith



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WASHINGTON SCENE

White House, Congress On Course For Lengthy "Hardball" Budget Battle

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—Mr. Micawber in *David Copperfield*

The above views on a balanced budget were those of a Dickensian character who was always just one step away from a debtor's prison and spoke from experience.

Micawber's observation on money is very applicable to the facts of life in Washington today, however, as Congress and the President are battling each other over what to do about the hemorrhage of red ink and who caused it in the first place. Debt is mounting by nearly \$200 billion a year.

As a result, many government programs which have helped a great many people for years, including farmers and members of rural electric cooperatives, are threatened with extinction or deep cuts.

The farmers came first.

With many family farms in deep trouble, Congress rushed through a bill that would have given emergency aid, to provide money at spring planting time and allow a breathing spell to let them try to get back to solvency.

President Reagan, who had proposed a more modest aid package which farmers said was not enough, vetoed the measure immediately, calling it a "budget buster." He had enough support in Congress to prevent any override of the vote.

All North Carolina Democrats

voted for the aid and all North Carolina Republicans voted against it, except for Rep. Bill Hendon of Asheville.

The action on the farm bill, with the Reagan administration on one side and the Democrats in Congress—as well as a sizable number of Republicans—on the other, was really more than just a single event. It was the opening salvo of what many observers see as the Reagan revolution.

The first revolution, which was clearly won by the President, occurred early in his first term.

Entering office in 1981 and hitting the ground running, Reagan was able to do what he had promised the people in the 1980 election campaign. He persuaded a bemused Congress to enact a three-year income tax decrease of 25 percent and greatly increased spending for the military, accompanying the latter with hard line rhetoric against communism in general and the Soviet Union in particular.

Now at the start of his second term, his popularity a proven fact by his huge re-election majority, he has, observers say, embarked on the second phase of the revolution that he hopes will slenderize and reduce the size and scope of the federal government.

Through his point man, David Stockman, he has called for outright elimination of the Job Corps, Amtrak, urban development grants revenue sharing, urban mass transit subsidies, the Small Business Administration, Export-Import Bank Loans and several other agencies.

He also proposed sharp cuts in education, child nutrition funds, Medicare, Medicaid and rural electric service—with the Rural Electrification Administration scheduled to be phased out completely later on. The President also called for a substantial increase in military spending and ruled out any tax increase, threatening to veto any tax bill that came to his desk.

But there was a difference between the first Reagan revolution and the second. This time Congress didn't seem overwhelmed by the Reagan arguments, instead, members of Congress—both Democrats and Republicans—began refusing to go along.

The Senate Budget Committee, where the Republicans have an 11-to-9 majority, refused to kill Amtrak aid, mass transit subsidies, the Small Business Administration and revenue sharing. Finally, by a vote of 17 to 4, the committee decided to scrap the whole Reagan budget and write its own.

Unless some sort of compromise can be reached between the White House and Congress, the battle over the future role of government may go on all summer.

Reagan came to Washington with the avowed promise to reduce the size of the federal government. Many of his conservative supporters complained during his first term that he wasn't doing enough to move in that direction.

Now, having his tax cut in place, inflation reduced to a crawl, and the economy improved, he has moved to trim government back so that it would resemble the kind of government the country had before Franklin Roosevelt and the New Deal.

Congress doesn't seem to want to go along.

The plight of the farmer is just the first of a list of issues that will be debated in this first year of Reagan.

second term.
When Roosevelt came to Washington in 1933, American farmers were in a desperate situation, unable to meet debt payments, they saw their homes sold at auction; banks moved to foreclose on mortgages and it seemed that there was little future for those who worked on the land.

The government moved to intervene and the program of farm subsidies was begun. Now, some 50 years later, the Reagan administration is moving to end those subsidies and has proposed to phase them out over a five-year period.

As explained by Stockman, the government has no business assisting farmers who have come upon hard times because they overextended themselves and cannot now pay their debts; he said they should sink or swim in a free market.

Reagan, when he vetoed the bill to provide aid to farmers, said that only 10 percent of the nation's farmers are in serious financial trouble. (The Department of Agriculture said later the President "mispoke" and that 14 percent of the country's farmers are in financial distress.)

On Capitol Hill, a panel of farm economists testified a few days later that the plan to remove all federal subsidies from agriculture over a five-year period, as the White House proposed, would devastate the nation's farmers, who have been hit in the pocketbook in many ways. But the Reagan administration is adamant about changing American agriculture, just as its second revolution has taken aim at dozens of other programs and functions of the federal government which have been created since FDR started to involve government in many areas where it had never been before.

It promises to be an all-out, no-holds-barred struggle in Washington this year, as Congress wrestles with the Reagan proposals.

Just one example of how much of a hardball game is going to be played come out of the White House in mid-March.

There are 22 Republican senators who will be up for re-election next year, unless, like Barry Goldwater, they decide to leave voluntarily. All

of them got a not-so-subtle message from the White House.

"If they expected the President to help them in the 1986 campaign," the phone calls to their offices said, "they were expected to help the President push his programs this year."

Since many of them benefitted from the Reagan popularity in 1980, when they were last elected, they were certain to want his help in 1986.

Government watchers think it may develop into total war.

"This is a major test of our political system," a Stockman aide remarked. "Conservatives have a last chance to scrap some of these programs."

Democrats and some Republicans may be just as opposed.

Sen. Robert Stafford (R-Vt.), chairman of the Senate Committee on Human Resources which deals with educational matters, called the cuts in education funding unacceptable.

And Reagan's proposals to scrap such agencies as the Appalachian Regional Commission will spark intense opposition from senators and representatives whose states have benefitted from such federal assistance.

"It looks like," said one veteran House staffer, "they may be eyeball to eyeball up here before long. It may just depend on who blinks first."



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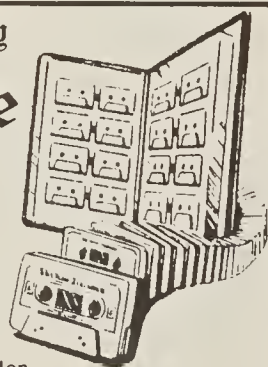
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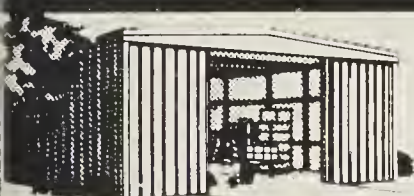
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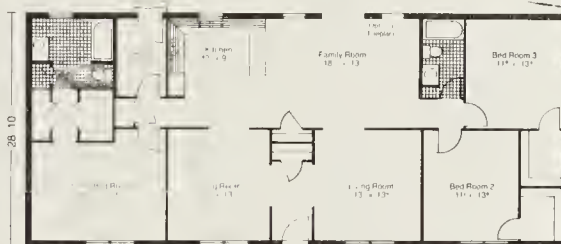
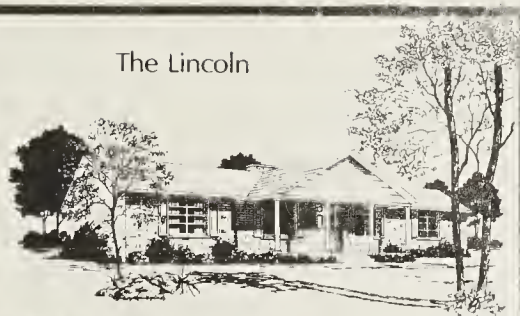


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Quips And Quotes: "Uncle Ralph" Style

"Uncle Ralph" Scott, the colorful former state senator from Alamance County—whose brother, Kerr, and nephew Robert, both served North Carolina as governor—was given a grand salute recently as the General Assembly celebrated "Ralph Scott Day."



The ailing 81-year-old Democrat was given the privilege of sitting in the Senate seat he claimed from 1951 to 1979—a record of service to state government that's longer than those of other members of the noted Scott clan.

During the tribute, Scott was described by a former colleague as "a legend in his own time."

"Uncle Ralph," who built his political career on support for progressive causes, was well-known for his wit, which added a touch of humor to the state's political scene for more than three decades.

Here are a few of his witicisms, as recalled in newspaper reports stemming from the legislature's salute.

- On his Senate career: "I always voted for judges, pay raises and the welfare folks because I figure one of them is going to get me some day."

- On the early presidency of Richard M. Nixon: "I'd just like to observe that President Nixon has been in office 10 days now and the sun hasn't shone since."

- To a reporter who pulled him out of an Appropriations Committee meeting in the closing hours of the legislative session: "I can't leave right now . . . It's throat-cutting time."

- Answering a critical letter from a constituent: "Look what some fool signed your name to."

- On a Senator's tendency to talk too much: "I'm gonna remind him the Lord gave him two ears but only one mouth."

- On a Senator's support for a piece of self-serving legislation: "I don't mind the Senator going to the public trough, but I don't want him to get in it on his all-fours."

- On his retirement status, after failing to win re-election in 1980: "I'm a consultant, except nobody consults me. I'm a statesman. That's a worn-out politician."

In an unrelated incident, former North Carolina Senator Robert Morgan, who's now serving as director of the State Bureau of Investigation offered a Scott-style quip of his own in a recent meeting of social studies teachers.

When he was asked if he were still thinking of going back into politics, Morgan grinned and said: "No, I'm through with politics. As you can tell, I've had this nerve problem in my face and can talk out of only one side of my mouth."

Dear REA: "My Lamp Burns My Fingers!"

Several days before the General Assembly paid tribute to Ralph Scott, one of his contemporaries was honored in similar fashion by the state's rural electric cooperatives at a banquet in Raleigh. (See page 9 for details.).

About 400 representatives of Tar Heel co-ops, gathered at a dinner to mark this year's 50th anniversary of rural electrification, gave a standing ovation to Gwyn B. Price of Ashe County, who is known as the

"father" of the electric co-op program in North Carolina. He was involved in helping the state's Electric Membership Corporations get organized in the program's early years.

After accepting an award for his work in the program, Price recalled an incident from those early years that involved a farmer's complaint about his new "lamp."

Here's how Price told the story:

The farmer wrote to the administrator of the Rural Electrification Administration, saying: "Send the man. My lamp burns my fingers!"

The administrator didn't know what to make of the note and disregarded it only to receive another from the same farmer. It said, "When are you going to send the man. My lamp burns my fingers!"

The agency then dispatched a field representative to check into the situation. He found that the farmer had told workmen wiring the house that he and his family would need only one bulb.

"We don't need wall switches or pull cords," he'd said. "We're accustomed to carrying a lamp from room to room and we'll do it now."

When he'd reach up to unscrew the lone 200 watt bulb, his "lamp" would indeed burn his fingers.

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—Owen Bishop

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